

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A wireless distributed certified real time bidding and tracking system for live events, such as a live auction. An auctioneer selects an auction site to conduct the live auction, and the auction site can be a site that is remote from bidders. Attendees of the live auction include live bidders, wireless bidders, or a mix of each. A Local Auction Management Server (LAMS) is set up at the auction site, though can also be located remotely and accessed by a remote client, from the live auction site. The LAMS server communicates in real time with a Proxy Server in communication with the wireless network. A live bidder, who has a wireless device in his/her possession, can arrange to be notified of the commencement of the auction, the impending auction of items they are interested in and can submit bids before the auction, during the auction and in some cases, after the auction has ended. A time date stamp function is associated with all actions taken at the wireless device. This time date stamp can be derived by the device, or by the network receiving the command. In either case, the Wireless Network Proxy Server records and transmits the event to the LAMS server. The time date stamp allows bidders submitting bids through the wireless connection, to be treated fairly as to when bids are placed in order to determine who bid first and/or last. All elements of the system of the present invention are synchronized to a single clock source.